

Welcome to Beal Early Childhood Center

News on the Beal Front:

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A note from the Principal

I have begun my annual rounds of joining your children in their bus rides to and from school. Over the next few weeks I will have the opportunity to ride the routes, talk to the children about respectful and responsible bus behavior, and form a relationship with the drivers to ensure that your child's trip to and from school is a positive experience. It is important to note that this is the first time riding the bus for many children at Beal, and bus behaviors are skills that need to be learned and practiced. It is our duty as staff, parents, and bus drivers to work together to celebrate the wanted behaviors and correct the unwanted behaviors so they can be successful riders throughout their educational years. The bus is also a great medium for getting to know the students outside of the classroom, and seeing the personalities and friendships that exist in a more authentic environment. I look forward to seeing you if I have not already!

Sincerely,

Chris Girardi

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2. Spirit of Shrewsbury Fall Festival Parade

The Spirit of Shrewsbury Fall Festival Parade is scheduled for this [Sunday, September 25th](#). The parade will begin at Beal and follow a 1.1 mile route to Oak Middle School. Jen Strangie, Beal's PTO Co-President, is organizing a group from Beal to walk in the parade. Please join us in the fun event where we can show our Beal pride to the community. More information will be provided in the weeks to come!

3. Introducing the Beal After School Activities Program (ASAP)

Looking for fun, affordable and convenient after school activities? Beal is pleased to offer the After School Activities Program (ASAP) – a series of classes and clubs taught by our own Beal Staff. Classes will run on Mondays from 3:45-4:45 for 6 weeks. Our first session starts October 17th and costs just \$40. This session's offerings are "Movement Mondays" taught by Ms. Delmonico and "Paint Night for Kids" taught by Ms. Cantor. Click [here](#) for more information about each class and for the link to the on-line registration form.

Registration will open Wednesday September 21st at 7:00AM. Space is limited and registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Karen Isaacson, Director of Extended Learning.

kisaacson@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us

508-841-87274.

Beal picture re-take day

Picture re-takes will be held on Friday, September 30th. The school has a list of students who were absent during the first picture day, so parents do not need to complete any form for the picture. If you are requesting a re-take, a form will be sent home in the next few weeks and will require a \$3.00 fee.

5. Kindergarten Curriculum Night

Curriculum Night offers an opportunity for parents to learn about the standards and expectations of your child's education. Please note the times for the following classrooms.

Kindergarten- [Wednesday, October 5th](#)- 6-8:30 p.m.

6:00-7:00- Neddo a.m., Thayer a.m., McInerny, Knott, Biadasz, MacLaughlin, Aulenback

7:15-8:15- Neddo p.m., Thayer p.m., Barrett, Costello, Downs, Pinto

6. Arrival and dismissal routines

Parent pick-up- Please assist us in helping create a safe and smooth dismissal by keeping the pick-up sheet on your dashboard. This helps our staff identify who your child is quickly and get them to your car. Also, please remain in your car when picking up your child. This allows for a safer and quicker pick up procedure. Thank you for your patience during dismissal times. We are developing our bus routines, patterns, and times and are hopeful that there is increased accuracy with drop-off times this week. Please don't hesitate to call the school at (508) 841-8860 if you have any questions, concerns, or changes in your child's dismissal schedule. **Car Seats – It's the Law* Massachusetts Safety Laws requires: Children must ride in federally approved child safety seats until they are at least eight years old or at least 57 inches tall and children older than eight or taller than 57 inches must wear safety belts.

7. News From the Nurse

Action Required - School Nurse Consent Form: The school nurse consent form that has traditionally been sent home on the first day of school for parents to sign and return is now available to complete in the PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you have not done so yet, please log in to the portal [here](#) as soon as possible to complete the form. This form is required for all students in order to be treated by and receive medications from the school nurse.

Jill Wensky,

Beal Nurse

508-841-8870

8. Information from the PTO

Dear Beal Parents

Our first PTO meeting of the new school year will be [Tuesday September 20th](#) at 6:30pm in the Beal gymnasium. Babysitting of school-age children will be available. All parents and guardians of Beal students are welcome to attend. We hope to see you there! Also, Beal Spirit Wear is now taking orders. Please click [here](#) to see directions and place an order for your family.

yours sincerely,

Jen Strangie

Beal PTO Co-President

9. A message from the Director of Physical Education

Physical Education staff will facilitate the recording of heights and weights to assist the nurses and comply with health record requirements. In grades 1, 4, 7 and 10, height and weight screening data is used for state mandated BMI calculation and aggregate reporting. Individual student data is not reported. In order for students to be excused from any screening a parent must make that request in writing to the school nurse.

10. Important dates

Wednesday, October 5th- Kindergarten Curriculum Night

Sunday, September 25th- Spirit of Shrewsbury Parade- 1:00 p.m. beginning in the fields behind Beal

Friday, September 30th- Beal picture re-take day

October 7th- **No school** for all students; full professional development day for staff

Monday, October 10th- Columbus Day- **No School**

Tuesday, November 8th- **No school**- Parent Conferences/ Election Day

Friday, November 11th- Veteran's Day- **No School**

Wednesday, November 23-Friday, November 25- Thanksgiving Break- **No School**

Tuesday, December 6th- Early Release Day for staff professional development

Monday, December 26th-Monday, January 2nd- December Vacation- **No School**